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1. This communication is responsive to the BPAI decision on 8/2/10.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 8-11 and 24-37.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
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6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows: Claims 1, 4, 6 and 38-42 are canceled. Claim 8 has been amended to be rewritten in independent form.

8. A system for improving the performance of a plurality of peripheral devices, comprising:

a first peripheral device comprising a first software component and having a first functionality; and

a second peripheral device coupled to the first peripheral device via a network, the second peripheral device comprising a second software component and having a second functionality, the second peripheral device being coupled to the first peripheral device without being directly connected to an intermediate computing device positioned along the communication path between the peripheral devices, the first and second peripheral devices together performing a third functionality in addition to the first and second functionalities;

wherein the first peripheral device comprises a peripheral device display on which can be presented a graphical user interface that presents the third functionality to a user for selection.

wherein the first software component of the first peripheral device and the second software component of the second peripheral device allow the first and second peripheral devices to exchange information over a network pertaining to the identity of the first peripheral device and the second peripheral device.

Response to Amendment

2. The Examiner acknowledges the Board of Appeal decision on 8/2/10. In view of the decision, claims 8-11 and 24-37 are allowed. Claims 1, 4, 6 and 38-42 are canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 8-11 and 24-37 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claims are allowed in view of the decision from the Board.

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